

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (currently amended): A collector of debris from an animal's paw comprising:

a tray; and

a grid which fits in the tray upon which the animal steps and causes debris on the animal's paw to be dislodged from the paw and fall through the grid on to the tray, the grid formed of channels each having a rounded top surface, the grid removable from the tray so the tray can be turned over and debris emptied from the tray, the channels are in spaced relation with each other and have gaps between them through which the debris falls onto the tray.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A collector as described in Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1 wherein the channels have a space between 1/16 inch and 1/2 inch.

Claim 4 (original): A collector as described in Claim 3 wherein the channels are in parallel with each other.

Claim 5 (original): A collector as described in Claim 4 wherein the tray has a base with a perimeter and a wall that extends along and from the base, the grid fits within the wall and on the base.

Claim 6 (original): A collector as described in Claim 5 wherein the grid has a stand to which the channels are connected that support the channels above the base and in spaced relation to the base.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for collecting debris from an animal's paw comprising the steps of:

placing a debris collector at a desired location, the collector comprising a tray, and a grid which fits in the tray upon which the animal steps and causes debris on the animal's paw to be dislodged from the paw and fall through the grid on to the tray, the grid formed of channels having a rounded top surface tray, the channels are in spaced relation with each other and have gaps between them through which the debris falls onto the tray;

collecting debris from the animal's paw in the tray as the paw contacts the channels of the grid;

lifting the grid from the tray; and

turning over the tray so the debris empties from the tray.